

AMENDMENTS

In the Specification:

Pursuant to the Revised Format of Amendments, markings to show the changes are as follows:

Please substitute the following marked up paragraph for the paragraph now appearing at page 7, beginning at line 18:

C1
The trading agent node provides services to a specific trading floor or group of traders. These services include providing access to the network for each trading work station, completing deals, producing deal tickets and maintaining historical dealing information for traders. Each trading agent node must connect to at least one broker node to access the trading system. A group of trader terminals thus connects to a trading agent 10 to access the system. The trader terminals ~~is~~ are used by traders to view the market and to input orders into the system. Trader terminals are one example of order input devices. An order may be input manually by a trader using a keypad or it could be automatic. For example, a trader may program his terminal to submit an order once the market reaches a given state, or the orders ~~ma~~ may be generated from an institutions' own dealing systems.

Please substitute the following marked up paragraph for the paragraph now appearing at page 12, beginning at line 12:

C2
When the hit is matched to a quote, the Broker node will modify its context for the quote, moving the amount matched from "available" to "reserved pending deal". This will prevent the same amount of the quote to be matched with another hit. The Broker node will then send a ProposeDeal message to the Broker node from which it received the quote. This message will target the specific quote. In this example, Broker 7 will ~~sent~~ send the message to Broker 4.
